

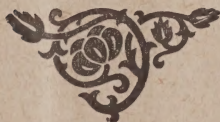
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**REPORT of the OFFICERS
AND COMMITTEES
OF THE
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS**



For the Year 1916

Report of the Officers
and Committees
of the
TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS



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Town Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin.

GREETING:

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday, the fifth day of February, 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the reports of the several Town officers and Committees or act thereon.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year the following to be on one ballot, viz., Town Clerk, Treasurer, Three Selectmen, One Assessor for three years, One School Committee for three years, Two Library Committees for three years, One Cemetery Commissioner for three years, Three Constables, Tree Warden, Tax Collector. Also to bring in ballots, Yes or No, in answer to the following question, Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town?

ART. 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the taxes of the municipal year to an amount not exceeding the tax levy and to issue a note or notes hereafter payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this note to be paid from the taxes of said municipal year, or act thereon.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$75 for Memorial Day exercises, the same to be paid to and expended by G. A. R. Post 171, or act thereon.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Tree Warden in care and preservation of shade trees, or act thereon.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to employ a School Physician in accordance with Chapter 502, Acts of 1906, or act thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,700, to pay the interest and fifteenth bond of the Bennetts Meadow bridge debt, or act thereon.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,630, to apply on High School and Memorial Hall debt, or act thereon.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for oiling the principal streets, or act thereon.

150. ✓ ART. 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to paint School House No. 4, or act thereon.

✓ ART. 12. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

yes ✓ ART. 13. To see if the Town will raise \$1,000 to apply to State road as appropriated at the last annual meeting, or act thereon.

yes ✓ ART. 14. To see if the Town will raise \$1,000 which was appropriated for Schell Bridge at a special town meeting, September 26, 1916, or act thereon.

yes ✓ ART. 15. To see if the Town will raise \$1,500 which was appropriated for Bennetts Meadow bridge, September 26, 1916, or act thereon.

yes ✓ ART. 16. To see if the Town will raise \$300, the amount appropriated for schools at special town meeting, November 20, 1916, or act thereon.

yes ✓ ART. 17. To see if the Town will raise \$475, the amount appropriated for Electric Lights at a special town meeting, November 20, 1916, or act thereon.

100. ✓ ART. 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$100 for the George Washington Memorial Building, Washington, D. C., or take any action thereon.

100. ✓ ART. 19. To see what action the Town will take in the matter of raising and appropriating a sum of money under authority of Chapter 707, Acts of 1914, to be paid to the Franklin County Farm Bureau Inc., and expended for the purpose of Agricultural demonstration work.

✓ ART. 20. To see if the Town will accept the bequest of the late James W. Cowles for the Cemetery. 2000.

Com. 5 ✓ ART. 21. To see if the Town will vote to maintain the Northfield High School, make other provisions for the secondary education of its pupils, or act thereon.

yes 400. ✓ ART. 22. To see if the Town will choose a committee to co-operate with other towns interested in the Bennetts Meadow bridge to petition the Legislature to have the bridge maintained by the State under the supervision of the Massachusetts Highway Commission, raise and appropriate any sum of money therefor or take any action thereon.

Pare ✓ ART. 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to raise the road near the State line by the house of Charles B. Field, or act thereon.

✓ ART. 24. To determine the salary of the Tax Collector, or act thereon. 200.

yes ✓ ART. 25. To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to defend the Town in any suit brought against the town, or act thereon.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to cooperate with the State Highway Commission in building a section of improved highway north of section built at Northfield Farms, or act thereon.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for Electric Lights for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

ART. 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to gravel or resurface the road from Drug Store to Schell Bridge, or act thereon.

ART. 29. To see if the Town wishes to change the candle power of their street lights from 32 to 60 candle power at an advance of \$3 per light.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to paint and repair the Schoolhouse in No. 6, or act thereon.

ART. 31. To see if the Town will print the valuation books once in three years instead of every year, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Northfield, East Northfield, Northfield Farms, West Northfield, and at the School House in District No. 6, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

ERNEST C. FIELD,
FRED W. DOANE,
FRANK E. ALDRICH,

Selectmen of Northfield.

2000,
200,
Paid,
Paid,
Paid

Town Officers

Town Clerk and Treasurer
WARREN J. WRIGHT

Selectmen

ERNEST C. FIELD FRED W. DOANE FRANK E. ALDRICH

School Committee

WILLIAM W. COE, Term expires 1917
LEON R. ALEXANDER, Term expires 1918
FRANK L. DULEY, Term expires 1919

Library Committee

JOSEPHINE A. WEBSTER, Term expires 1917
S. CATHERINE RICHARDSON, Term expires 1917
FRANK L. DULEY, Term expires 1918
ROSCOE H. PHILBRICK, Term expires 1918
E. F. HOWARD, Term expires 1919
NORMAN P. WOOD, Term expires 1919

Librarian

MRS. C. A. RANDALL

Cemetery Commissioners

GEORGE N. KIDDER, Term expires 1917
FRANK WOOD, Term expires 1918
C. I. HOLTON, Term expires 1919

Constables

FRED W. DOANE FRED H. WATSON ANSON O. HOWARD

Assessors

F. LESLIE TYLER, Term expires 1917
CLINTON A. WARE, Term expires 1918
MERRILL T. MOORE, Term expires 1919

Town Accountant

BENJAMIN F. FIELD

Tree Warden

FAUSTINE E. BIGELOW

Fence Viewers

DWIGHT PRESTON FRED W. DOANE FRED W. DOANE

Field Drivers

FRED W. DOANE CHARLES E. LEACH J. T. CUMMINGS

Pound Keeper

LUCKY O. CLAPP ✓

CR Carmean

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber

C. R. NELSON ✓

W. A. JOHNSON ✓

R. O. LEACH ✓

H. A. REED ✓

GEORGE W. PIPER ✓

LAWRENCE QUINLAN ✓

Tax Collector

LUCKY O. CLAPP

Sealer of Weights and Measures

HENRY H. MASON

Fire Wardens

FRED W. DOANE

GEORGE W. PIPER

FRANK H. MONTAGUE

HENRY C. HOLTON

FRANK KENDRICK

Registrars of Voters

JOHN T. CALLAGHAN

FRED A. HOLTON

FRANK H. MONTAGUE

Inspectors of Provisions

FRANK E. HEALD

JONES J. FISHER

FRANK L. HOWE

Inspector of Animals

FRANK E. HEALD

Forest Fire Warden

FRED W. DOANE

Report of Selectmen

We respectfully submit to you the report of our doings for the year 1916. Owing to the decayed condition of the stringers on the Schell Bridge we were obliged to ask for an appropriation of \$1,000 in addition to the \$1,400 appropriated for replanking the bridge. New stringers have been placed on the bridge and four-inch planking and a small balance of appropriation left. The accident on the Bennetts Meadow bridge was caused by decayed conditions of some of the bottom planking. The matter was taken up with the County Commissioners and new stringers and planking throughout were ordered and appropriation of \$3,500 was made; the timber has been purchased and partly delivered, one half of the expense to be paid for by towns apportioned for repairs. The bridge over Millers Brook has not been repaired as yet, the town voted to have this done by contract and no bid has been received for the work. The state offered to help gravel the road at Mount Hermon station, appropriating \$700; Mount Hermon Schools, \$450, in addition to the sum of \$250 appropriated by the town. About \$1,200 has been spent and the work is nearly complete under town supervision. The gravel road at West Northfield was also completed within the appropriation. As an experiment, we applied tarvia on the state road at East Northfield for resurfacing, and with another coat this year, it will no doubt preserve the road as economically as any material we could have applied.

Most of the roads in town are in a fair condition, scarcity of teams and labor prevented repairs at times when same should have been made. Our appropriation was entirely used up. The state road at the Farms has practically been accepted by the state engineer and their portion has been received and remitted to the Lane Construction Co. The contract the town has with this company calls for accept-

ance by the selectmen when satisfactory and only \$1,500 of the town's portion has been paid as yet. It will be necessary to raise the sum of \$4,800 to meet the expenses of various appropriations since our annual town meeting.

We recommend the usual appropriation for the running expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ERNEST C. FIELD,
FRED W. DOANE,
FRANK E. ALDRICH,

Selectmen.

accepted.

HIGHWAY

F. C. Britton, labor and teams,	\$ 87 41
G. W. Piper,	14 00
A. W. Mead,	5 75
J. J. Fisher and team,	18 50
J. J. Fisher,	7 50
F. B. Streeter,	1 75
John Dale,	19 56
F. W. Doane, teams,	23 00
L. W. Pratt,	8 50
L. W. Pratt,	3 36
W. Patenaude, team,	19 50
J. Crelan and team,	65 50
W. C. Wigman,	7 25
T. Quinlan and team,	106 66
John Dale,	12 00
C. I. Holton, team,	75 20
F. W. Doane, team,	25 75
H. L. Kenney,	4 00
G. H. Slate,	8 00
G. W. Piper and teams,	108 29
A. Wallett,	23 35
A. W. Mead,	12 00
A. W. Mead and teams,	66 50
Amos Field,	2 50
E. Bigelow,	11 00
John Dale,	11 00
A. Wallett,	6 64
Frank Kenney,	18 00
O. S. Fisher,	41 75
F. Walker,	20 00
E. L. Clair,	2 00
Henry Johnston,	10 00
A. Whittaker,	12 11
C. I. Tenney, teams,	36 03
L. C. Miller,	4 54

F. W. Ross,	2 11
A. W. Ward,	2 50
C. C. Morgan,	1 55
J. W. Wilkinson,	2 50
G. H. Miller,	4 50
E. A. Gaines,	2 88
Eber Thornton,	2 00
E. C. Field,	18 00
W. G. Slate,	12 00
F. A. Bigelow,	6 50
T. Quinlan, teams,	70 00
Geo. Piper, teams,	75 50
G. H. Miller,	4 50
C. A. Parker, teams,	16 95
L. C. Miller,	2 00
A. W. Mead, teams,	62 75
Henry Johnson,	10 00
O. S. Fisher, teams,	22 50
F. W. Doane, team,	6 50
J. L. Hammond, teams,	108 10
F. Shantley, labor,	1 33
A. W. Mead and team,	38 00
F. W. Doane and teams,	62 50
Howard B. Doane,	18 25
G. O. Dunnell,	6 11
P. D. Starkey,	8 00
G. W. Piper and team,	43 00
J. H. Dalton and team,	39 20
A. W. Mead and teams,	89 75
A. Walleth,	17 50
C. I. Holton and team,	78 10
F. A. Bigelow,	46 25
John Dale,	2 00
Louis McChinski,	16 10
L. W. Pratt,	12 50
L. W. Pratt,	31 92

L. McChinski,	10 00
F. I. Westcott,	5 00
F. A. Bigelow,	47 50
A. W. Mead and teams,	100 00
H. B. Doane,	22 00
H. B. Doane,	11 25
J. H. Dalton and team,	15 00
G. W. Piper and team,	36 50
E. Thornton,	3 11
E. A. Nash,	1 00
C. I. Tenney,	6 94
F. H. Montague and team,	26 15
A. Whittaker,	5 77
E. C. Field, labor and team,	25 75
G. H. Miller,	4 50
Oren Darling,	2 00
C. W. Stratton,	7 54
Phil Kavanaugh,	44
F. W. Williams and teams,	51 25
E. A. Kenney,	4 00
W. Atwood,	10 00
O. S. Fisher and team,	40 85
Henry Johnson,	15 00
H. Fisher,	22 50
H. Clough,	1 50
Wilson Lyman,	10 60
H. C. Holton,	55 56
G. O. Dunnell,	5 55
F. E. Aldrich,	15 90
E. Thornton,	6 13
C. I. Tenney and team,	7 22
C. W. Stratton,	5 25
G. H. Miller, team,	7 22
J. Podlinski, team,	7 22
A. W. Ward,	8 89
F. H. Montague, team,	4 50

A. Whittaker,	6 36
E. C. Field and team,	19 50
H. A. Dresser, team,	5 50
H. E. Hallett, team,	6 50
E. Perry,	2 00
Otis Fisher,	4 50
D. L. Atwood,	3 12
Total,	\$2,489 82

SNOW

F. W. Williams,	\$ 9 00
F. W. Williams,	4 00
F. W. Doane,	3 00
G. W. Piper,	31 49
J. B. Clapp,	55
C. I. Holton,	69 90
E. Perry,	5 66
A. Anderson,	1 00
Simon Fisher,	7 50
E. Labelle,	7 50
F. Walker,	4 00
Lee Dresser,	3 25
O. I. Fisher,	34 50
Henry Johnson,	20 75
F. W. Williams,	8 00
A. W. Mead,	20 30
G. W. Piper,	9 90
W. H. Dalton,	4 00
Henry Johnson,	14 00
Total,	\$258 30

PLANKS AND POSTS

T. Quinlan,	\$ 10 12
Evans Brothers,	16 00
A. W. Mead,	10 00
F. E. Aldrich,	21 85

T. Quinlan,	29 60
R. E. Shearer,	4 00

Total,	\$ 91 57
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GRAVEL

L. C. Miller,	\$ 3 80
F. E. Aldrich,	7 10
G. M. Starkweather heirs,	10 00
E. C. Whitney,	3 20
J. E. Allen,	70

Total,	\$ 24 80
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SUNDRIES

Snow Iron Works, grate,	\$ 12 80
Robbins & Evans, lead, nails, etc.,	15 30
N. E. Road Machine Co., Scraper,	5 00
E. C. Field, express,	30
J. Lawrence, repairs, scraper,	3 40
N. E. Road Machine Co., scraper,	7 00
Barrett Mfg. Co., freight tarvia,	5 50
Lane Construction Co., trap rock,	79 88
F. W. Wilbur, repairs scraper,	3 15
N. E. Road Machine Co., scraper,	6 50

Total,	\$138 83
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Total Highway,	\$3,003 32
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Appropriation,	\$3,000 00
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Old Lumber Sold,	15 25
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CONTINGENT

Selectmen

F. C. Britton,	\$ 75 00
E. C. Field,	75 00
C. E. Williams,	75 00
E. C. Field, traveling expense,	6 16
C. E. Williams, traveling expense,	6 26
C. E. Williams, supplies,	1 90
Northfield Press, stationery,	3 00
New England Telephone,	70
Postage,	2 40
Total,	\$245 42

Treasurer and Clerk

C. T. Bagnall, supplies,	\$ 5 51
C. T. Bagnall, supplies,	4 01
Treasurer and Clerk,	576 31
Total,	\$585 83

Accountant

B. F. Field,	\$300 00
Blanks,	17 74
Total,	\$317 74

Tax Collector

L. O. Clapp,	\$100 00
M. T. Moore, 1913,	50 00
Total,	\$150 00

Assessors

S. C. Holton,	\$ 51 00
E. C. Field, clerk,	63 00
C. A. Ware,	118 10
M. T. Moore,	75 00
S. C. Holton, postage,	8 50
A. W. Brownell, stationery,	14 82

E. W. Prescott,	10 76
Total,	\$341 18

Election and Registration

F. A. Holton,	\$ 8 75
H. W. Russell,	2 50
C. C. Stearns,	2 50
John T. Callaghan,	6 25
H. W. Russell,	2 50
J. W. Field,	5 00
F. E. Aldrich,	2 50
R. D. Ware,	7 50
H. W. Russell,	2 50
F. E. Aldrich,	2 50
F. H. Montague,	12 50
C. E. Leach,	10 00
H. W. Russell,	2 50
J. W. Field,	5 00
Total,	\$ 72 50

Constable and Police

F. W. Doane,	\$ 6 00
F. W. Doane,	8 50
F. W. Doane,	8 50
F. W. Doane,	2 50
F. H. Watson,	5 00
F. W. Doane,	8 50
F. W. Doane,	6 00
District Court, officers' fees,	55 88
F. W. Doane,	8 50
Total,	\$109 38

Inspecting Meats

F. H. Heald,	\$ 41 00
F. H. Heald,	71 25
F. H. Heald,	16 75

F. L. Howe,	41 00
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Total,	\$170 00
Received from State,	\$35 62

Town Hall

Greenfield Electric Lights,	\$ 70 48
Wood and Coal,	101 89
Repairs,	23 85
Janitor,	177 00

Total,	\$373 22
Rents received,	\$368 00

Sealer of Weights

H. H. Mason,	\$ 37 00
W. & L. E. Gurley,	1 25
J. L. Hammond,	3 00
J. L. Hammond,	1 50
J. L. Hammond,	1 50
H. H. Mason,	2 49

Total,	\$ 46 74
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Brown Tail Moths

John Dale,	\$ 12 32
F. A. Bigelow,	12 33
F. A. Bigelow,	28 00
John Dale,	20 56
F. W. Doane,	48 25
F. A. Bigelow,	14 00
E. Bigelow,	6 00
A. Wallett,	5 00
E. C. Field, mailing circulars,	1 95

Total,	\$148 41
Received from State,	\$75 00

Miscellaneous

Hobbs & Warren, stationery,	\$ 4 14
Coal for fire extinguishers,	11 48

Robbins & Evans, paint Union Hall,	1 32
L. C. Miller, water at Farms,	5 00
C. E. Williams, quarantine,	6 00
A. George, fumigator,	50
Northfield Water Co.,	72 97
Northfield Press, Town Reports,	232 10
H. M. Bristol, repairs hydrant,	1 55
A. I. Gordon, insurance,	56 70
W. C. Fisher, Belcher Fountain,	6 16
G. N. Kidder, hearse horses,	17 50
F. H. Montague, Farms R. R. Fire,	9 10
Greenfield Savings, revenue stamp,	1 60
Bureau of Statistics, certifying note,	2 00
J. L. Hammond, team fumigating,	2 00
E. J. Thayer, water, W. Northfield,	5 00
W. C. Fisher, Belcher Fountain,	1 54
W. C. Fisher, town clock,	10 00
Northfield Press, advertising,	2 85
H. H. Mason, town clock,	12 50
Bureau of Statistics, certifying note and stamp,	3 60
H. M. Bristol, repairing hose,	9 15
Press, advertising,	3 80
F. W. Doane, traveling expenses,	13 80
F. W. Doane, survey Warwick line,	5 00
F. A. Bigelow, police,	2 50
A. I. Gordon, insurance,	19 72
A. I. Gordon,	19 44
A. I. Gordon,	19 44
E. M. Partridge,	29 44
A. I. Gordon,	13 50
J. T. Cummings, road signs,	9 00
Howard Clock Co., repairing town clock,	23 73
J. L. Hammond, team fire department,	2 00
A. George, chemical supplies,	5 75
Northfield Water Co.,	130 42
F. W. Doane, Board of Health,	3 75
E. C. Field, travel account lights,	4 27

A. George, chemical supplies,	5 00
C. E. Williams, travel account lights,	4 63
C. E. Williams, supplies,	12 93
Press, printing,	10 20
Northfield Hose Co.,	64 50
R. & Sherwin, repairs to hearse,	54 00
Painting, Birnam Road Bridge,	8 00
E. C. Field, water Farms,	5 00
H. H. Mason, town clock,	14 00
S. E. Walker, insurance,	9 40
H. M. Bristol, repairs Belcher Fountain,	8 68
G. N. Kidder, team on hearse,	32 50
G. N. Kidder, coal for chemical,	24 75
New England Telephone Co.,	2 21
Robbins & Evans, sundries,	3 60
L. Dresser, killing wild cat,	5 00
F. W. Doane, carfare for tramp,	2 50

Total, \$1,047 22

Fire Warden

F. W. Doane, \$ 20 00

Poor

Board and care,	\$488 84
Groceries and provisions,	35 38
Medicine,	5 20
Doctors,	70 92
Rent,	24 00
Fuel,	13 25
Sundry,	266 74

Total, \$904 33

Received on account poor, \$39 42

West Northfield Road

J. Coughlin, \$ 13 12

T. Quinlan, 121 50

W. H. Aldrich,	68 50
J. Creelan,	59 50
F. W. Doane,	41 00
F. A. Adams,	24 90
S. Tyler,	36 25
C. I. Holton,	17 00
Ralph Carey,	24 00
Harley Webster,	24 00
Wm. Smith,	12 47
E. Bigelow,	22 00
Roy Proctor,	8 25
John Dale,	24 00

Total,	\$496 49
Appropriation,	\$500 00

Mount Hermon Road

F. W. Doane to pay labor,	\$1,244 93
Appropriation,	\$250 00
Received from Mount Hermon,	450 00
State,	500 00

Schell Bridge Planking

F. E. Aldrich, plank,	\$900 00
F. W. Doane, freight,	32 67
B. L. & T. Lumber Co.,	314 49
F. W. Doane,	3 00
B. & M. R. R., freight,	50 70
G. McQuestion, lumber,	574 25
E. C. Field, traveling expenses,	6 54
F. E. Aldrich, plank,	324 51
F. W. Doane,	2 50
F. E. Aldrich, balance lumber,	80 40
F. W. Doane,	7 00
F. A. Bigelow,	5 00
F. W. Williams, teaming,	14 00

Total,	\$2,315 06
Appropriation,	\$2,400 00

East Northfield Road

J. Crehan,	\$ 20 25
H. M. Bristol, tile,	9 80
F. W. Doane,	7 50
The Barrett Co.,	124 63
The Barrett Co.,	73 83
Total,	\$236 01
Appropriation,	\$500 00

Bennetts Meadow Bridge

F. W. Doane, labor,	\$ 8 25
E. C. Field, expense to Boston,	5 50
J. Crehan, carting timber,	5 00
F. W. Doane,	2 50
B. & M. R. R., freight,	169 75
G. McQuestion, lumber,	233 45
Total,	\$424 45
Appropriation,	\$3,500 00
Northfield pays one-half the cost.	

Painting Bridges

J. T. Cummings, contract,	\$865 00
Appropriation,	\$1,000 00
Received for half cost of painting Ben-	
netts,	232 50

465.00

Painting School

C. B. Sanborn, contract,	\$250 00
Appropriation,	\$250 00

Painting Cemetery Fence

D. H. Janes,	\$ 19 00
F. Davis,	31 63
G. N. Kidder,	22 20
Total,	\$ 72 83
Appropriation,	\$75 00

State Highway Farms

Lane Construction Co.,	\$1,500 00
Lane Construction Co.,	2,900 00
Appropriations,	\$3,000 00
Received from State,	\$2,900 00
Due Lane Construction Co. on completion,	\$1,500 00

Shade Trees

F. C. Britton,	\$ 40 00
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Tree Warden

Miles Moore, labor,	\$ 14 00
F. A. Bigelow,	42 50
J. Rosen,	19 00
F. P. Janes,	20 00
Merrimac Chemical Co.,	40 00
N. W. Keet,	3 30
J. W. Bragg,	40 00
C. E. Williams,	5 57
Geo. Slate,	10 80
F. W. Doane,	2 00
F. A. Bigelow,	20 00

Total,	\$217 17
Appropriation,	\$300 00

Munns Ferry

Ferryman,	\$100 00
C. E. Williams, paint, etc.,	5 35
C. A. Parker, hauling out boat,	10 00

Total,	\$115 35
Half expense paid by Gill and Northfield pays half expense of Morgan Ferry and balance due Gill on acc't ferries,	\$2 78

Street Sprinkling

John Baker, Jr., for oil,		\$1,116 06
Labor, etc.,		33 50
Total,		\$1,149 56
Appropriation,	\$1,200 00	
Received for oil,	361 60	

Street Lights

Greenfield Electric,		\$1,397 65
Appropriation,	\$1,369 65	
Additional appropriation,	475 00	

Library

Sundry expenses,		\$1,281 20
Appropriation,	\$300 00	
Interest,	814 52	

Cemeteries

Sundry expenses,		\$ 314 97
Appropriation,	\$150 00	
Interest, etc.,	430 90	

School Physician

Dr. N. P. Wood, 1914,		\$ 50 00
Dr. A. L. Newton, 1916,		50 00
Total,		\$100 00

Schools

Expense,		\$10,349 30
Appropriation,	\$7,500 00	
Additional,	300 00	
Interest, tuition, etc.,	2,461 26	
Balance from 1915,	34 47	
Total,	\$10,295 73	

Janitor from Alexander estate not received in season to go into account, 60 00

10,355.73
 10,349.30
 0643

Estate A. M. D. Alexander

J. T. Cummings, painting hall,	\$ 17 95
Northfield Water Co.,	9 00
H. M. Bristol,	3 88
Greenfield Electric,	7 34
F. Perould,	2 00
J. T. Cummings, painting house,	31 25
N. M. Wood,	68
Northfield Water Co.,	7 14
H. H. Mason,	7 83
F. C. Leitsinger, tuning piano,	3 00
F. Perould, janitor at hall,	60 00
Evans Brothers, at hall,	6 56

Total,	\$156 63
Received rents from house,	\$207 00

School Fire Alarm

Badger Fire Ex. Co.,	\$ 96 00
Greenfield Electric,	75 73

Total,	\$171 73
Appropriation,	\$200 00

School House No. 3

J. R. Colton, labor,	\$ 20 52
C. L. Johnson, plumbing,	74 18

Total,	\$94 70
Balance from 1915,	\$126 90

State Aid

Paid sundry persons,	\$312 00
Received from State,	\$390 00 ✓

Official Bonds

Mass. Bonding Ins. Co.,	\$ 48 00 ✓
S. E. Walker,	50 00

Total,	\$ 98 00
Appropriation,	\$98 00

Water Survey

Geo. F. Merrill,	\$ 200 00
Appropriation,	\$200 00

Mill Brook

S. C. Holton, survey,	\$ 20 00
Appropriation,	\$999 00

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN

Assets

Taxes due 1914,	\$ 345 84
1916,	4,922 71
Cash,	6,844 79
One-half expense B. & M. bridge,	212 25
Total,	<u>\$12,325 59</u>

Liabilities

Outstanding loan,	\$ 8,000 00
B. F. Field, accountant,	300 00
Lane Construction Co., on acc't state road farms,	1,500 00

For other liabilities, figures not received in time to be inserted in this section, see page 70.

Bonded Debt

Bennetts Meadow Bridge,	\$20,000 00
High School,	14,000 00
Total,	<u>\$34,000 00</u>

12,325.59
10,100.
2,225.59

RECAPITULATION

	DR.
Cash balance, January 1, 1915,	\$14,311 30
Temporary loans,	16,000 00
Tax 1913 balance,	46 66
1914,	1,830 00
1915 balance,	4,940 71
1916,	29,300 00
Interest on taxes,	150 72
School account,	2,461 26
Library,	814 52
Cemeteries,	280 90
Town hall rents,	368 00
Street sprinkling,	361 60
State tax refund,	863 43
Mount Hermon road,	950 00
Painting bridges,	232 50
State highway farms,	2,900 00
A. M. D. Alexander estate,	207 00
State aid,	394 00
Poor,	39 42
Soldiers' exemption,	20 18
Account of fines,	20 00
Highway,	15 25
Gypsy moth,	75 00
Inspection cattle,	35 62
Licenses,	30 50
Cemetery lots,	17 00
Insurance rebates,	17 04
Grass sold,	28 00
Munns ferry,	5 00
County treasurer, wild cat,	5 00
Discount electric lights,	55
Total,	\$76,721 16

RECAPITULATION

	CR.
Schools,	\$10,349 30
Highway,	3,003 32
Contingent,	3,627 64
Poor,	904 33
Library,	1,281 20
Cemeteries,	314 97
Memorial Day,	75 00
Interest,	2,364 38
Temporary loans,	25,000 00
Street lights,	1,397 65
County tax,	3,244 79
State tax,	3,040 00
Net bonded debt,	2,000 00
West Northfield road,	496 49
Mount Hermon road,	1,244 93
East Northfield road,	236 01
Schell, bridge plank,	2,315 06
State highway, Farms,	4,400 00
B. meadow bridge,	424 45
Painting bridges,	865 00
Painting school,	250 00
Painting cemetery fence,	72 83
Street sprinkling,	1,149 56
Tree warden,	217 17
Shade trees,	40 00
Mill brook,	20 00
Water survey,	200 00
Official bonds,	98 00
School No. 3,	94 70
School fire alarm,	171 73
School physician,	100 00
Alexander estate,	156 63
Union hall,	2 25
Tax abatements,	275 23

Munns ferry,	131 75
State aid,	312 00
Town warrants,	\$69,876 37 ✓
Balance cash, Dec. 31, 1916,	6,844 79 ✓
Total,	\$76,721 16
January 1, 1917.	

BENJAMIN F. FIELD,
Town Accountant.

Treasurer's Report

*Town of Northfield in Account with Warren J. Wright,
Treasurer*

1916	Cr.
By balance, from previous year's account,	\$14,311 30 ✓
By cash, E. C. Field, cemetery interest, F. Lane and L. Holton,	5 62 ✓
By cash, H. L. Hayden, account peddlers' license,	6 00
By cash, State Treasurer, account Massachusetts school fund,	752 62 ✓
By cash, County Treasurer, account dog fund (returned),	172 78 ✓
By cash, Mary Strange, state aid (returned),	4 00
By cash, F. V. Wood, account cemetery lots, Farms,	5 00 ✓
By cash, E. F. Howard, account supplies sold,	1 90 ✓
By cash, H. M. Haskell, account A. M. D. A., rent,	46 00 ✓
By cash, Greenfield Electric Light and Power Co.,	55

By cash, D. Latches & Sons, peddlers' license,	8 00	
By cash, Greenfield Savings Bank account temporary loan (settled),	8,000 00	✓
		\$23,313 77
By cash, Houghton Mifflin Co., account Dickinson Memorial Library (returned),	5 94	✓
By cash, Robbins and Evans, account gasolene license,	2 50	✓
By cash, Northfield Hotel Co., account gasolene license,	2 50	✓
By cash, R. G. Sauter, account pool license,	4 00	✓
By cash, E. F. Howard, account stove,	3 00	✓
By cash, Greenfield Savings Bank, account temporary loan (due Jan. 15, 1917),	8,000 00	✓
By cash, A. A. Dunklee, account school tuition,	150 00	✓
By cash, State Treasurer, account school tuition,	500 00	✓
By cash, State Treasurer, account inspection of animals,	35 62	✓
By cash, H. A. Lewis, account gasolene license,	2 50	✓
By cash, N. W. Keet, account gasolene license,	2 50	✓
By cash, Belcher coupons:		
Center School,	30 00	
Center Cemetery,	51 00	
Dickinson Memorial Library,	270 00	
By cash, George Holton, account hay, school lot,	28 00	✓

By cash, J. W. Barber, account gaso-		
lene license,	2 50 ✓	
		9,090 06
By cash, Belcher coupons, account		
Dickinson Memorial Library,	320 00	
By cash, State Treasurer, account		
gypsy moth,	75 00 ✓	
By cash, M. T. Moore, account 1913		
tax (settled),	46 66 ✓	
By cash, Mount Hermon School, ac-		
count road oil,	138 60 ✓	
By cash, town of Gill, account		
schools,	90 00 ✓	
By cash, F. V. Wood, sale cemetery		
lots, Farms,	12 00 ✓	
By cash, S. A. Norton, account		
schools,	500 00 ✓	
		1,182 26
By cash, State Treasurer:		
Corporation tax, P. S.,	494 79	
Corporation tax, business,	223 82	
National Bank tax,	<u>144 82</u>	
State aid,	390 00 ✓	
		1,253 43
By cash, E. F. Howard, account		
schools,	15 00 ✓	
By cash, A. S. Norton, account		
Mount Hermon road,	450 00 ✓	
By cash, Lane Construction Co.,	14 25 ✓	
By cash, County Treasurer, account		
bounty on wild cat (returned),	5 00 ✓	
By cash, E. C. Field, account Munn's		
Ferry,	5 00 ✓	
By cash, E. C. Field, account lumber,	1 00 ✓	
By cash, town of Greenfield, painting		

863.43
 56.50
 57.42
 168.72
 368.00
 1498.07

B. M. bridge,	55 80 ✓	
By cash, town of Bernardston, painting B. M. bridge,	37 20 ✓	
By cash, town of Montague, painting B. M. bridge,	46 50 ✓	
By cash, town of Warwick, painting B. M. bridge,	23 25 ✓	
By cash, town of Gill, painting B. M. bridge,	69 75	232.50
By cash, Northfield Seminary, account road oil,	223 00 ✓	
By cash, Belcher coupons, Dickinson Library,	150 00	
		1,095 75

By cash, E. F. Howard, account schools,	88 00	
By cash, A. S. Gordon, account rebate on insurance,	12 24 ✓	
By cash, State Treasurer, account soldiers' exemption,	20 18 ✓	
		120 42

By cash, Greenfield Savings Bank, cemetery fund interest:		
S. A. Holton,	\$8 24	
J. L. Mattoon,	4 12	
Jas. Pickard,	4 12	
Levi Fay,	6 18	
Sarah Minot,	6 18	
Lois Stratton,	4 12	
		32 96

By cash, Franklin Savings Institution, cemetery interest:		
Chas. Alexander,	\$12 40	
Jas. White,	6 20	
A. M. D. Alexander,	18 60	
Miss Gang,	6 20	

Adaline W. Moody,	6 20	
E. and E. Stratton,	6 20	
A. and A. Sawyer,	6 20	
Wm. H. Stratton,	6 20	
M. A. and E. Belcher,	62 02	
Elijah E. Belding,	6 20	
Elijah Belding,	7 74	
Lucy M. Webster,	31 00	
		175 16
By cash, Greenfield Savings Bank, interest S.-Rev. Schools,	65 94	
By cash, Franklin Savings Institu- tion:		
Interest Belcher Center school fund,	62 02	
By cash, Franklin Savings, Belcher to Dickinson Library,	8 58	
		136 54
By cash, Inter State Mtg. Trust Co., Belcher coupons:		
Center cemetery,	\$ 9 00	
Center school,	30 00	
Dickinson Memorial Li- brary,	60 00	
		99 00
By cash, city of Worcester, account relief fund,	39 42 ✓	
By cash, Clerk of Courts, account fines,	20 00	
By cash, State Treasurer, account state highway,	3,400 00 ✓	
By cash, Crocker Institution for Sav- ings:		
Interest, Brigham, Gage and D. Clowes,	4 16 ✓	

By cash, A. S. Gordon, account re- bate on insurance,	4 80 ✓	
By cash, Benj. F. Field, account town hall rent,	368 00 ✓	
By cash, Benj. F. Field, account A. M. D. A. rent,	161 00 ✓	
By cash, M. T. Moore, collector ac- count 1914 tax,	1,550 00	
By cash, L. O. Clapp, collector ac- count 1915 tax,	5,220 71 ✓	
By cash, L. O. Clapp, collector ac- count, 1915 tax interest,	118 72 ✓	
By cash, L. O. Clapp, collector ac- count 1916 tax,	29,300 00	
By cash, L. O. Clapp, collector ac- count 1916 tax interest,	32 00	
By cash, Whithed and Simonds, ac- count cemetery fund,	3 00 ✓	
		40,221 81
Total,		\$76,721 16
		DR.
To cash paid treasury warrants,	\$69,876 37 ✓	
To cash balance on hand,	6,844 79 ✓	
		\$76,721 16

WARREN J. WRIGHT,
Treasurer.

Northfield, Mass., January, 1, 1917.

Report of Trust Funds

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cemetery Funds in Greenfield Savings Bank

No. 19838	S. A. Holton,	\$200 00
No. 20865	J. L. Mattoon,	100 00
No. 12719	Jas. Pickard,	100 00
No. 15962	Levi Fay,	150 00
No. 12806	Sarah Minot,	150 00
No. 23751	Lois Stratton,	100 00

Cemetery Funds in Franklin Savings Institution

No. 18761	Charles Alexander,	\$200 00
No. 28960	James White,	100 00
No. 26642	A. M. D. Alexander,	300 00
No. 31621	Miss Gang,	100 00
No. 17631	Adaline W. Moody,	100 00
No. 14540	E. and E. Stratton,	100 00
No. 16813	A. and A. Sawyer,	100 00
No. 17136	Wm. H. Stratton,	100 00
No. 29987	M. A. and E. Belcher,	1,000 00
No. 36794	Elijah E. Belding,	100 00
No. 36793	Elijah Belding,	125 00
No. 36875	Lucy M. Webster,	500 00

Greenfield Savings Bank

No. 1894	Surplus revenue (schools),	\$1,600 00
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Franklin Savings Institution

No. 29986	M. A. and E. Belcher Center School,	\$1,000 00
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Crocker Institution for Savings

No. 15806	Gage and Clowes,	\$100 00
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Belcher Trust Funds to Dickinson Memorial Library

No. 10132	(5) B. C. D. E. F. bonds Interstate Mtg. Trust Co. Interest April and Oct., 6%,	\$5,000 00
No. 792	Bonds, Southern Bell Tel. and Tel. Co. Interest July and Jan., 5%,	500 00
No. 8229	Consolidated Gas, Electric Light and Power Co. Interest Jan. and July, 4½%,	1,000 00

No. 12806	12381 (2) Southern California (2).			
	Interest Jan. and July, 5%,		2,000	00
No. 9745	Interstate. Interest June and Dec.,			
	6%,		2,000	00
No. 749	Topeka Edison Co. Interest Jan.			
	and July, 5%,		1,000	00
No. 2173	Minneapolis Gas. Interest March			
	and Sept., 5%,		1,000	00
No. 2494	Joplin and Pittsburgh Rail Co.			
	Interest March and Sept., 5%,		1,000	00
No. 32450	Franklin Savings Institution,		138	42
	Total,		\$13,638	42
No. 11472	Bond, Interstate Belcher Center			
	School,		\$1,000	00
No. 11519	Bond, Interstate Belcher Center			
	Cemetery,		700	00
No. 12564	Bond, Interstate Belcher Center			
	Cemetery,		300	00

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. WRIGHT,
Treasurer.

Northfield, Mass., Jan., 1917.

Report of the Library Trustees

To the Citizens of Northfield:

So many of our citizens expressed their appreciation of the extension of open hours for the library that the Trustees were glad to continue the policy inaugurated in 1915. The gauge of the success of this policy is seen in the increased use of the periodical room.

Many new books have been added to the library, as is indicated by the report of the librarian. The attention of our townspeople is called, however, to the following accessions:

The New International Encyclopædia,	24 vols.
Mark Twain,	18 vols.
Hudson's Shakespeare,	20 vols.
Emerson,	6 vols.
Aldrich,	9 vols.
Hawthorne,	10 vols.
Harper's American History, illustrated,	10 vols.
Balzac,	34 vols.
Thackeray,	12 vols.
O. Henry,	12 vols.
Louisa Alcott,	8 vols.

It is the earnest wish that the townspeople express their wishes in regard to the purchase of new books. The book committee consists of Mrs. Katharine Richardson, Mrs. Chas. H. Webster, and F. L. Duley.

The Trustees are glad to avail themselves of this opportunity to express their gratitude to Mrs. Ambler Welch for her very successful work with the children and for many helpful suggestions. Thanks are also due to Mrs. C. C. Stockbridge for her gift of a fine collection of butterflies, which has been placed in the glass case in the periodical room; also for the first twelve volumes of Harper's Monthly Magazine, appropriately bound.

The library account is added below.

The Trustees ask for an appropriation of \$200.00.

Mrs. Josephine A. Webster was elected one year ago to complete the term of Rev. H. L. Buzzell, who resigned.

Appended is the financial report and the report of the librarian.

N. P. WOOD,
F. L. DULEY,
E. F. HOWARD,
R. H. PHILBRICK,
S. CATHERINE RICHARDSON,
JOSEPHINE A. WEBSTER,
Library Trustees.

Library Account

1916	Dr.
To librarian's salary,	\$234 50
Janitor,	150 00
Books,	515 20
Magazines,	96 30
Fuel,	87 90
Lights,	46 42
Bookshelves,	15 00
Painting,	30 00
Furniture,	56 00
Mrs. Welch,	25 00
Sundry repairs,	17 23
Boiler inspection,	2 00
Team, labor, etc.,	5 65
Balance to January 1, 1917,	368 42
	\$1,649 62
1916	Cr.
Jan. 1. By balance from 1915,	\$535 10
Feb. 7. By appropriation,	300 00
July 17. By Houghton Mifflin,	5 94
Sept. 1. Belcher fund interest,	270 00
Oct. 20. By Belcher fund interest,	320 00

Dec. 27.	By Belcher fund interest,	150 00
	By Franklin Savings,	8 58
	By Belcher interest,	60 00
		\$1,649 62

Librarian's Report for Year Ending January 31, 1916

Volumes in library last report,		8,088
Purchased last year,		315
Given last year,		32
Volumes bound,		6
Total in library,		8,441
Number of families patrons,		279
Individual patrons,		111
Number of books taken by families,		12,474
Number of books taken by public schools,		205
Number of books taken by visitors,		384
Magazines circulated,		2,506
Total circulation,		15,569
Balance on hand last report,	\$10 75	
Received from Dr. Wood, sale of iron,	1 75	
Fines collected,	16 23	
		\$28 73
Paid express, freight and cartage,	\$4 34	
Repairs on lawn mower,	1 25	
Paid for book bound,	1 25	
Cards and slips,	5 19	
Incidentals,	8 11	
		\$20 14
Balance,		\$ 8 59
Publications subscribed for,		43
Publications given,		10
Number of readers using room,		3,376

Books Given

A. A. Carey,	1
Rev. George Witte,	1
Seminary librarian,	1
American Jewish Committee,	1
A. Moxin,	1
Vital Records,	10
State,	10
Mrs. Stockbridge,	12
	37

Relics

Mrs. Stockbridge, 3 cases butterflies and insects.
 Mrs. Stockbridge, 1 goose.

Report of The Cemetery Commissioners

We submit our report for the past year for consideration. The cemeteries have had the usual care as in the past, and we would recommend that \$150.00 be raised and appropriated for the coming year.

The work in Center Cemetery was not completed as we would have liked, but funds for the same were not received in season to be availed of.

Paid for Labor, Tools and Fertilizer

Lucky Clapp, fertilizer,	\$ 10 00
D. H. Janes, labor,	9 00
F. H. Janes, labor,	15 00
A. H. Holton,	10 50
A. H. Holton,	6 00
N. W. Keet, repairing tools,	3 00
J. O. Clair,	12 00
F. H. Janes,	6 00
G. H. Slate,	38 00
G. H. Slate,	25 22
N. W. Keet, repairing tools,	1 75
G. H. Slate,	25 95
C. I. Holton, West Northfield cemetery,	37 55
D. H. Janes,	10 00
G. H. Slate,	29 74
N. W. Keet, repairing tools,	1 25
F. V. Wood, Farms cemetery,	52 50
C. E. Williams, grass seed,	1 96
D. H. Janes,	17 50
Robbins & Evans, tools,	2 05
Balance on hand,	205 64
	\$520 61
Balance on hand,	\$ 89 71
Appropriation,	150 00

Interest fund,	280 90
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	\$520 61
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Unpaid Bills

Henry Holton,	\$ 3 00
G. H. Slate, labor,	10 00
Francis Davis,	32 00
Geo. N. Kidder,	28 00
C. I. Holton,	15 00

	\$88 00
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*Private Appropriation for Painting Fence at Mount
Hermon Cemetery*

Paid for work,	\$50 63
Paint, lumber, etc.,	22 20

	\$72 83
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Balance,	2 17
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	\$75 00
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Appropriation,	\$75 00
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Received for Sale of Lots

Northfield Farms,	\$12 00
West Northfield cemetery,	5 00
Center cemetery,	26 00

Total,	\$43 00
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C. I. HOLTON,

F. V. WOOD,

G. N. KIDDER,

Commissioners.

REPORT OF NORTHFIELD WATER CO.

Assets

Plant,	\$7,850 69
Cash,	85 88
	\$7,936 57

Liabilities

Capital stock,	\$2,000 00
First Parish note,	1,200 00
Bills payable,	1,572 28
Taxes,	90 00
Balance to credit,	3,074 29
	\$7,936 57

B. F. FIELD,

Treasurer.

June 1, 1916.

*an itemized report
from the Water Co.
and put in the
Northfield Press*

Report of School Committee

1915-1916

NORTHFIELD, MASS.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MR. F. L. DULEY, Chairman1919

MR. LEON R. ALEXANDER1918

MR. W. W. COE, Secretary1917

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

MR. E. F. HOWARD, East Northfield

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

MR. F. W. DOANE, Deputy Sheriff

JANITOR AT THE CENTER

MR. FRANK PEROULD

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1917-1918

Elementary schools close Mar. 9

High school closes Mar. 16

Schools commence Mar. 26

Elementary schools close June 8

High school closes June 22

Schools commence Sept. 4

Elementary schools close Dec. 14

High school closes Dec. 21

Schools commence Jan. 2, 1918

Thanksgiving recess from Wednesday
until the following Monday.*To the Citizens of Northfield:*

Your school committee have the honor to submit the following report of their receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year closing December 31, 1916.

The fuel bill has been unusually large this year and should be somewhat smaller next year as some coal is carried over from this year's purchase.

So far as we can now see, books and supplies will be increasingly expensive owing to the higher cost of all materials used.

We do not know how to reduce this item of expense except by urging all, both teachers and pupils, to exercise all possible care in the use of supplies and in the care of books.

Your committee recommends the same appropriation that was made last year—\$7,800.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK L. DULEY.

LEON R. ALEXANDER.

Receipts

Balance from last year,	\$ 34 47
Town appropriation,	7,500 00
Additional appropriation,	300 00
Massachusetts school fund,	752 62 ✓
State, for high school,	500 00 ✓
State, for superintendent,	500 00 ✓
Interest received,	187 96
Dog fund,	172 78 ✓
Supplies sold and cash received,	16 90 ✓
Stove sold,	3 00 ✓
Tuition from non-residents,	328 00
	\$10,295 73

While the expenditures seem to be in excess of the receipts, there is no real overdraft as will be seen by the accountant's explanatory statement.

Disbursements

Superintendent,	\$ 660 00
Teachers,	5,809 37
Supervisors,	230 00
Janitors,	599 02
Transportation,	980 50
Books and supplies,	572 24
Fuel,	1,062 13
Miscellaneous expense,	79 78

Repairs,	259 02
Sundries,	97 26
	\$10,349 32

Superintendent

E. F. Howard, eleven months,	\$ 660 00
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Teachers' Salaries

Charles R. Baillie,	\$ 837 50
Ellen J. Howard,	375 00
Margaret I. Howard,	296 87
Sue A. Thompson,	580 00
Florence M. Hodges,	168 75
Mary E. Holmes,	168 75
C. Bess Rolfe,	486 00
Katharine Callaghan,	439 50
Viola E. Haven,	550 00
Lottie E. Evans,	432 00
Delphine Lazelle,	396 00
Delcina Neilson,	385 00
Mary Dalton,	396 00
Helen S. Lee,	169 80
Marie L. Johnson,	22 00
Helen C. Searle,	106 20
	\$5,809 37

Supervisors

Asenath H. Landers,	\$ 140 00
Elizabeth Strecker,	90 00
	\$ 230 00

Janitor and Care

Frank Perould,	\$ 455 77
Philip J. Howard,	57 50
Mary Dalton,	16 00
Marie L. Johnson,	1 00

Albert Anderson,	13 00
Ruth Anderson,	12 25
Helen S. Lee,	10 00
Harold Clough,	2 00
C. I. Holton,	31 50
	\$ 599 02

Transportation

G. H. Lyman,	\$ 400 00
Joseph Bassett,	370 00
Gertrude Perry,	66 00
F. A. Davis,	40 00
Auriel Richter,	46 00
Philip Kavanaugh,	6 00
Otis S. Fisher,	52 50
	\$ 980 50

Books and Supplies

Northfield Press,	\$ 3 00
Lyons & Carnahan,	14 67
E. E. Babb & Co.,	443 18
D. C. Heath & Co.,	25 49
T. H. Parker,	9 00
C. P. Buffum,	12 41
C. E. Williams,	6 65
G. E. L. & P. Co.,	1 43
Robbins & Evans,	7 78
Ginn & Co.,	2 54
The Book Store,	7 50
Wright & Potter,	1 86
N. Y. School of Methods,	1 50
Sanborn & Co.,	2 88
American Book Co.,	21 12
F. W. Harness,	1 52
Macmillan Co.,	80

J. L. Hammett Co.,	8 91
	\$ 572 24

Fuel

Leach Bros.,	\$ 25 00
C. I. Holton,	18 25
G. O. Dunnell,	533 48
Evans Bros.,	22 22
F. E. Adams,	98 23
Albert Anderson, labor,	4 00
Thomas Quinlan,	58 50
F. C. Britton,	272 20
J. E. Ross,	19 25
R. E. Shearer,	11 00
	\$1,062 13

Miscellaneous Expenses

Robbins & Evans,	\$ 6 73
C. I. Holton,	7 09
A. M. Dunnell,	2 48
C. E. Williams,	13 40
Winchester Creamery,	10 00
Northfield Press,	14 15
N. W. Keet,	1 35
G. E. L. & P. Co.,	4 32
F. W. Harness,	1 75
Geo. N. Kidder,	15 01
Harlie Webster,	3 50
	\$ 79 78

Repairs

J. R. Colton,	\$ 48 82
Franklin County Lumber Co.,	4 10
C. L. Johnson,	72 34
Geo. W. Piper,	6 15

C. I. Holton,	1 60
J. L. Dunnell,	5 00
H. M. Bristol,	3 05
J. W. Barber,	4 10
J. T. Cummings,	23 75
H. A. Lamb,	30 68
C. B. Sanborn,	59 43
	\$ 259 02

Sundries

Town of Wendell, tuition,	\$ 8 75
G. E. L. & P. Co.,	3 30
T. H. Parker, cartage,	12 87
E. F. Howard, travel and expense of securing teachers,	19 74
E. F. Howard, for cash payment of small bills,	50 00
F. W. Doane, attendance officer,	2 60
	\$ 97 26

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Committee of the Town of Northfield:

I have the honor to submit this report for the school year ending June 30, 1916, and for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1916.

Gentlemen:

The following data are taken from the last report to the State Board of Education for the school year ending June 30, 1916.

SCHOOL CENSUS REGISTRATION

Number of persons in town five to sixteen years of age,	Boys 141	Girls 135	Total 276
Five to seven years of age,	Boys 24	Girls 18	Total 42
Seven to fourteen years of age,	Boys 98	Girls 95	Total 193
Fourteen to sixteen years of age,	Boys 19	Girls 22	Total 41

PUBLIC SCHOOL STATISTICS

Number of illiterate minors,	0
Number of schools,	9
Number of teachers,	12
Number of supervisors,	2
Number of pupils enrolled,	317
Aggregate attendance, days,	43,654
Average daily attendance,	247.18
Average number of days schools were in session,	171
Average membership,	277

HIGH SCHOOL STATISTICS

Number of teachers,	4
Total enrollment,	97
Aggregate attendance in days,	14,668
Average daily attendance,	77.6
Number of day sessions,	190
Average membership,	83.1

CHANGES OF TEACHERS

At the close of the year the two assistants in the high school, Margaret I. Howard and Ellen J. Howard, resigned to accept much more attractive positions, the former with the Franklin County Farm Bureau, and the latter in the Concord, Mass., high school.

The positions left vacant were accepted by Mary E. Holmes, Middlebury College '16, to teach domestic science, natural sciences, and mathematics, and by Florence M. Hodges, Smith College '16, to teach English history and Latin. These teachers came to us with no experience but with excellent educational qualifications so far as their credentials indicated. It would be difficult to find teachers more devoted to their work or more determined to make that work a success. It was possible to retain Principal C. R. Baillie for another year and thus prevent an entire change in high school administration.

The policy of having the eighth grade in the high school building under high school organization with Miss Thompson to instruct them while she also takes a part of the high school work has seemed to be a success. If we could also have our seventh grade brought into this scheme, we should then be able to present a good exemplification of the "six six plan" of school organization. It may be possible before long to adopt this method of organization, at least for all seventh grade pupils in the Center, and for all who are transported to the Center school.

In his report this year, Principal Baillie is presenting a detailed course of study for the high school. This does not indicate any special change in the courses offered, but it does indicate the detail with which we plan to work the course out in our attempt to prepare our pupils for normal school and for college. Many of our graduates have done well in normal school and one has made a success thus far of her college work with such preparation as we could give. While it can never be our chief concern to

prepare for college, we can offer courses that do so prepare if the pupil is able to complete them with sufficient thoroughness. We hope to send others direct to college in the near future, and we commend to the consideration of any who contemplate collegiate training the colleges that accept our certificate as evidence of preparation. The principal will be glad to give information about such colleges to all persons interested to inquire.

EXPENSE OF THE SCHOOLS

The high cost of nearly everything that enters into the necessities of life cannot fail to affect the cost of schools. When all paper products and fuel and supply material are so expensive, it cannot be possible to exclude the schools from increased expense.

Northfield is not peculiar in this respect and any claims that school expenses here are extreme are not well founded as the following tabulations will show.

The first tabulation shows the total tax rate of the twenty-six towns of Franklin County. Valuation of 1915:

New Salem,	\$ 30 00
Hawley,	24 00
Charlemont,	24 00
Colerain,	22 50
Northfield,	21 60
Ashfield,	21 50
Rowe,	21 50
Leverett,	21 00
Heath,	20 50
Orange,	19 00
Conway,	19 00
Bernardston,	19 00
Gill,	19 00
Deerfield,	18 80
Warwick,	18 50
Leyden,	17 50
Shutesbury,	17 50

Montague,	17 20
Monroe,	17 00
Greenfield,	16 10
Wendell,	16 00
Sunderland,	16 00
Whately,	15 50
Shelburne,	15 00
Erving,	14 50
Buckland,	13 50

The second tabulation shows the total expenditure per \$1,000 of valuation for schools, and the towns' rank in the state. There are 354 towns and cities in Massachusetts, The number 210 appearing after Northfield indicates that 209 towns and cities expended more from each \$1,000 of valuation than Northfield did, valuation 1915 being used:

	<i>Rank in State</i>
Sunderland,	\$ 9 10 - 8
Charlemont,	8 96 - 9
Colerain,	8 81 - 11
New Salem,	8 13 - 26
Heath,	7 80 - 37
Orange,	7 68 - 45
Montague,	7 10 - 74
Rowe,	6 73 - 97
Hawley,	6 51 - 107
Deerfield,	6 05 - 142
Gill,	5 94 - 144
Greenfield,	5 93 - 149
Conway,	5 84 - 153
Leyden,	5 83 - 154
Ashfield,	5 62 - 168
Erving,	5 58 - 172
Leverett,	5 55 - 177
Warwick,	5 17 - 203
Northfield,	5 08 - 210

Whately,	5 05 - 212
Bernardston,	4 92 - 227
Shelburne,	4 48 - 268
Buckland,	4 22 - 283
Monroe,	3 31 - 327
Shutesbury,	3 07 - 330
Wendell,	2 77 - 334

Of the twenty-six towns of this county, eighteen expended more than Northfield did for support of schools on each \$1,000 valuation.

The third tabulation will show where the great expense of Northfield really is. The amount set opposite each town is the amount left after subtracting the amount expended for schools on \$1,000 from the total tax on \$1,000 of valuation:

New Salem,	\$ 21 87
Hawley,	17 49
Northfield,	16 52
Ashfield,	15 88
Leverett,	15 45
Charlemont,	15 04
Rowe,	14 77
Bernardston,	14 08
Monroe,	13 69
Colerain,	13 69
Shutesbury,	13 43
Wendell,	13 33
Warwick,	13 33
Conway,	13 16
Gill,	13 06
Deerfield,	12 75
Heath,	12 70
Leyden,	11 67
Orange,	11 32
Shelburne,	10 52
Whately,	10 45

Greenfield,	10 17
Montague,	10 10
Buckland,	9 28
Erving,	8 92
Sunderland,	6 90

From the tabulations above it is evident: First, that in this county, Northfield is the fifth town in rate of taxation; that is, four towns have a higher tax rate; the nineteenth in her appropriations for schools, that is, eighteen towns appropriate a larger amount on the valuation; the *third town in the amount appropriated for other things besides schools*. Evidently, compared with the other towns in this county, the schools are not excessively expensive, but *other things are*.

Now, my purpose is not to disapprove necessary expenses for other interests in town. I approve them and vote for them. I do wish, however, to prevent, so far as possible, the wrong idea that our high rate of taxation is due primarily to excessive expenditures for schools, and a perusal of the above tabulations will convince any fair-minded citizen that such expenditures are moderate as compared to other towns and cities in the county and the state—eighteen towns in Franklin County and two hundred nine in the state paid more on the valuation of 1915.

IMPROVEMENTS ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS

The painting of the school buildings was accomplished for the amount appropriated, but it was necessary to do some additional work, both at Number 3 and at East Northfield, to improve the interiors at an expense indicated elsewhere.

The building at the Farms and also the one at No. 6 should be painted as soon as the town can make the necessary appropriations. The same should be said of the building at West Northfield. Attention should also be given to the underpinning of the building at No. 6 and certain other improvements should be made at no large expense. It is

still hoped that means may be devised by which water may be brought to No. 3 schoolhouse, and the schoolhouse at Northfield Farms, and the systems now partially installed made complete.

CONCLUSION

With gratitude to all who help by their kindly interest to make our schools efficient, and especially to the teachers and the school committee, I respectfully submit this report.

ELMER F. HOWARD,

Superintendent.

Mr. E. F. Howard, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir: I submit herewith my second annual report of the work of the high school.

The new assistants, Miss Florence M. Hodges and Miss Mary E. Holmes, have shown a marked enthusiasm for their work and are handling it with credit, Miss Hodges in the English department and Miss Holmes in mathematics and science. As last year, the work of the sub-Freshmen is carried on by Miss Thompson, who also gives a course in Greek and Roman history to a class of Freshmen and Sophomores.

Our enrollment when school opened in September was 85, as against 92 last year. This shrinkage, together with a similar loss since the beginning of the year, is accounted for, to my mind, by a natural dislike for the academic studies offered by the school. This loss can be taken care of, I believe, by the introduction of a commercial course, which I will mention later.

Miss Strecker, as supervisor of music, visits the school every week instead of once in two weeks and the singing has greatly improved as a result.

Penmanship is required of the sub-Freshmen and elective for the other classes. A number are taking advantage of this opportunity to improve their handwriting under the able leadership of Miss Callaghan.

On account of the early resignation of Miss Landers the

work in drawing has been omitted, but it is hoped that it may soon be renewed.

The Parent-Teacher Association has held several meetings since its inception a year ago, resulting in a closer acquaintance between the parents and the teachers and a better feeling of co-operation between them. Every parent is eligible to membership and all are urged to affiliate themselves with this helpful organization.

An attempt is to be made this spring, which we believe will be successful, to secure the certificating privilege for our high school, thus enabling our graduates to enter New England colleges without being obliged to pass entrance examinations. This will, I believe, furnish a very necessary impetus to the work of the school and add to its popularity. With this end in view a course of study has been prepared which appears below and which is later to appear in pamphlet form.

COURSES OF STUDY
NORTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

College Course

First Year		Second Year	
English I	4	English II	4
Latin I	5	Latin II	5
Algebra	5	Geometry	4
Ancient History	5	French I	5
		English History	5
Third Year		Fourth Year	
English III	4	English IV	4
Latin III	5	Latin IV	5
French II	5	Chemistry	6
Mediaeval and Modern History	5	French III	5
Review Algebra and Solid Geometry	5	United States History and Civics	5

Scientific Course

First Year		Second Year	
English I	4	English II	4
Algebra	5	Geometry	4
Biology and Elementary Science	5	French I	5
Ancient History	5	Latin II	5
Latin I	5	English History	5
Third Year		Fourth Year	
English III	4	English IV	4
French II	5	Chemistry	6
Mediaeval and Modern History	5	United States History and Civics	5
Review Algebra and Solid Geometry	5	French III	5
Latin III	5	Latin IV	5

General Course

First Year		Second Year	
English I	4	English II	4
Latin I	5	Latin II	5
Algebra	5	Geometry	4
Ancient History	5	French I	5
Biology and Elementary Science	5	Sewing	6
		English History	5
Third Year		Fourth Year	
English III	4	English IV	4
Latin III	5	Latin IV	5
French II	5	Chemistry	6
Review Algebra and Solid Geometry	5	United States History and Civics	5
Mediaeval and Modern History	5	French III	5
Cooking	6		

NOTES

The college course prepares for American colleges.

The scientific course prepares for scientific or technical schools.

The general course is designed for a well-rounded education to those who do not plan to enter higher educational institutions.

Pupils in any year of a course may not elect subjects designed for another year, except with the consent of the principal.

Elections should be made with great care, as few changes are allowed during the school year. Pupils and parents are invited to confer with the principal relative to the selections to be made.

The school day provides for seven forty-minute periods, four of which are regularly devoted to recitations and three to study. In the majority of cases this latter time is not sufficient and parents are urged to see to it that pupils devote at least an hour to home study, under as favorable conditions as possible.

Sixteen (16) credits are required for graduation, thus making necessary a selection of at least four subjects each year, but fifteen (15) credits may be accepted at the discretion of the faculty and school officials, who shall determine the fitness of a pupil for graduation.

Subjects in *Bold-Faced Type* are required. Enough of the others should be selected to make up the necessary number of credits.

The Roman numeral following a subject indicates the year in that subject. The Arabic numeral indicates the number of recitations per week.

The courses of study may be changed as occasion demands.

We have a college course for those who wish to pursue their education along academic lines, a scientific course for those who plan to enter technical or scientific schools, and a

general course for those who are obliged to end their education with the high school. We make no provision, however, for those who wish to enter business or to whom the other courses do not appeal.

In my opinion, these students should be provided for by the establishment of a commercial course, if necessary at the expense of some of the more academic work already offered. Such a course would have a twofold result: (1) It would undoubtedly be the cause of many completing a four-year course in high school who otherwise would leave on account of a lack of interest in academic studies, and (2) it would provide those who took the course with better means of securing a livelihood. The establishment of a commercial course would, perhaps, necessitate a larger appropriation of money, but I feel confident that it would be money well invested.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES R. BAILLIE,

Principal.

Assessors' Tabulated Report

List of Property and Assessment for Year 1916

Value of assessed real estate,		\$1,269,197 00
Value of assessed personal estate,		245,440 00
Number of polls assessed,	446	<u>1,514,637. 00</u>
Number of polls exempt,	12	
Number of horses assessed,	337	
Number of cows assessed,	523	
Number of neat cattle other than cows,	322	
Number of sheep assessed,	70	
Number of swine assessed,	88	
Number of fowls assessed,	1,727	
Number of dwellings assessed,	580	
Number of acres of land,	19,399	

Amount Raised by Town

Memorial Day,	\$ 75 00
Cemeteries,	22 00
Painting cemeteries,	75 00
Tree warden,	150 00
School physican,	50 00
Bennetts Meadow bridge debt,	1,735 00
High School and Memorial Hall debt,	1,675 00
Oiling streets,	1,200 00
Official bonds,	98 00
School house fire alarm,	200 00
School house painting,	250 00
Schools in general,	7,500 00
Library,	300 00
Highways,	3,000 00
Contingent and poor,	4,000 00
Gravel road, Mt. Hermon station,	250 00
State highway, Farms,	2,000 00

Street lighting,	1,369 73	
Millers Brook bridge,	499 00	
Painting Schell and Bennetts Meadow bridges,	1,000 00	
Repairing Schell bridge,	1,400 00	
Resurfacing state road, East Northfield,	500 00	
Fire district survey,	200 00	
		\$27,548 73
State tax,	\$2,800 00	
County tax,	3,244 79	
State highway tax,	240 00	
Overlay,	364 39	
		6,649 18
		\$34,197 91
Raised on polls,	\$ 876 00	
Raised on personal estate,	5,399 65	
Raised on real estate,	27,922 26	
		\$34,197 91
Amount raised Dec. assessment on real estate,	\$ 8 80	
Amount raised Dec. assessment on polls,	16 00	
		\$24 80

List of Abatements on Taxes in Year 1914

Earl H. Field,	\$2 00	
Herbert M. Smith,	2 00	
Earl C. Goodyear,	2 00	
Eveline Harrison,	2 07	
William H. Barrett,	11 50	
		\$19 57

List of Abatements on Taxes in Year 1915

Eveline Harrison,	\$2 16	
William H. Barrett,	11 58	
Robert Strange,	2 00	
Earl Field,	2 00	
		\$17 74

List of Abatements on Taxes in Year 1916

Nellie M. Wood,	\$19 80	
A. G. Moody,	24 55	
American Wire Co.,	11 00	
Eveline Harrison,	2 20	
William H. Barrett,	12 10	
Jesse Lyman,	2 00	
Herbert M. Smith,	2 00	
		\$73 65

F. LESLIE TYLER,
CLINTON A. WARE,
MERRILL T. MOORE,

Assessors of Northfield.

VITAL STATISTICS

Deaths

			Yrs.	Mo.	D.
Jan.	8.	Mary L. Strange,	67	10	17
	20.	Addie M. Smith,	60	6	24
	27.	Charles Blackmer,	88	3	7
	27.	James W. Cowles,	70	1	11
Feb.	4.	Harriet E. Johnson,	84	5	3
	8.	Mary F. Long,	85	3	27
	26.	Josephine Howe,	40	0	0
Mar.	20.	Viola Pratt,	73	0	0
	28.	Susan M. Woodard,	61	9	0
Apr.	4.	John G. Pratt,	79	0	0
	17.	Emily Whitaker,	85	0	0
	19.	Francis A. Piper,	73	8	18
May	30.	Jenny Mazec,	19	0	0
June	28.	Ellen M. Hodgkins,	81	0	0
July	26.	James McDonald,	28	0	0
	28.	Rosalia Champney,	74	4	0
	30.	Edward F. White,			
Aug.	7.	Jesse E. Lyman,	33	4	3
Sept.	4.	Myron F. Kenyon,	85	9	1
	23.	Joseph Clark,	81	11	10
	27.	Sarah D. Wildes,	92	8	20
Oct.	6.	Mary E. Pratt,	50	11	18
	10.	Isaiah Moody,	88	0	2
	15.	Mary J. Aldrich,	78	0	4
	16.	Mary Stratton,	83	10	19
	23.	Thomas Quinlan,	79	0	0
Nov.	9.	William C. Walker,	62	8	15
	19.	Edward Fisk,	72	8	16
	21.	Asahel Sawyer,	74	0	4
	26.	Herbert M. Smith,	53	5	29

Compared with last year the deaths are one less. The marriages exceed by six. The births exceed by eight.

W. J. WRIGHT, *Town Clerk.*

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
FRANKLIN, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin. GREETING:

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in primaries, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday, the twenty-fifth day of April, 1916, at 1.30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the Election of Candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

Four Delegates at large to the National Convention of the Republican Party.

Four Alternate Delegates at large to the National Convention of the Republican Party.

Four Delegates at large to the National Convention of the Democratic Party.

Four Alternate Delegates at large to the National Convention of the Democratic Party.

Eight Delegates at large to the National Convention of the Prohibition Party.

Eight Alternate Delegates at large to the National Convention of the Prohibition Party.

Two District Delegates to the National Convention of the Republican Party, Congressional District.

Two Alternate District Delegates to the National Convention of the Republican Party, Congressional District.

Two District Delegates to the National Convention of the Democratic Party, Congressional District.

Two Alternate District Delegates to the National Convention of the Democratic Party, Congressional District.

One District Delegate to the National Convention of the Prohibition Party, Congressional District.

One Alternate District Delegate to the National Convention of the Prohibition Party, Congressional District.

All the above candidates and officers are to be voted for upon one ballot.

The polls will be open from 1.30 to 4.30 P. M.

A special Town Meeting will be called at two o'clock P. M. on the twenty-fifth day of April, 1916, to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the reports of the Committee on Street Lighting or act thereon.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will give its Street Lighting Committee any instructions, appoint additional members of the Committee, or act thereon.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate an addi-

tional sum of money to be used in connection with the money raised and appropriated at the last Annual Town Meeting for the purpose of street lighting or act thereon.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to pay the cost of surveying for the proposed Fire District authorized by the Town under Article 3 of special town meeting of October 21, 1915, or act thereon.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will vote to regulate the speed of motor vehicles within the town limits, instruct their Selectmen to post signs on principal streets or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will accept the road as laid out by the Selectmen on petition of Francis Schell, as follows: Beginning at a point in the southerly line of Dickinson Street, said point being distant westerly four hundred twelve and three one-hundredths (412.03 feet from the westerly line of Highland Avenue, thence south twenty-five (25) degrees, forty-four (44) minutes west, eighty-nine and seventy-nine one-hundredths (89.79) feet to a stake; thence southeasterly, by a curve to the left, with radius sixty (60) feet, a distance of eighty-eight and sixty-four one-hundredths (88.64) feet to a stake, thence south fifty-eight (58) degrees and fifty-five (55) minutes east, a distance of three hundred forty-four and five one-hundredths (344.05) feet to the westerly line of said Highland Avenue or take any action thereon.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will discontinue that portion of Dickinson Street and Highland Avenue that the new layout as per Article 7 is intended to take the place of or take any action thereon.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to purchase of the Greenfield Electric Light & Power Company the equipment for lighting and furnishing power which is within the town limits in accordance with Chapter 742 of the Acts of 1914, appoint a committee to investigate the cost, raise and appropriate any sum of money for expert appraisal, or take any action thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Northfield, East Northfield, Northfield Farms, West Northfield, and at the School House in District No. 6, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

ERNEST C. FIELD,
FRED W. DOANE,
FRANK E. ALDRICH,

Selectmen of Northfield.

A true copy. *Attest.*

F. W. DOANE, *Constable.*

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
FRANKLIN, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin. GREETING:

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday, the twentieth day of November, 1916, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside over said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of repairing the Bennetts Meadow Bridge, or act thereon.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will authorize its Electric Lighting Committee to make a contract for extending the lighting system to Northfield Farms, appropriate a sum of money for the same, or act thereon.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will authorize its Electric Lighting Committee to make a permanent contract for lighting its streets, make an appropriation, or enact anything thereon.

ART. 5. To listen to the report of the School Committee and to see if the Town will appropriate \$500.00 for the purpose of continuing the Public Schools in session the usual number of weeks, or enact anything thereon.

ART. 6 To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$75.00 for the purpose of placing suitable lamps in the Hall at Northfield Farms as required by the State Police, or enact anything thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Northfield, East Northfield, Northfield Farms, West Northfield, and at the School House in District No. 6, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this the seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

ERNEST C. FIELD,

FRED W. DOANE,

FRANK E. ALDRICH,

Selectmen of Northfield.

A true copy. *Attest.*

F. W. DOANE, *Constable.*

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
FRANKLIN, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin. GREETING:

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town

affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on the seventh day of November, 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes on one ballot for the following officers:

Presidential Electors, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Senator in Congress, Congressman, Councillor, Senator, Representative in General Court, County Commissioner, Associate County Commissioner, District Attorney, Clerk of Courts, Register of Deeds and Sheriff.

Acceptance of Chap. 98, General Acts of 1916. Shall there be a convention to revise, alter or amend the constitution of the commonwealth?

Acceptance of Chap. 104, General Acts of 1916. Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 1916, to make the first day of January known as New Year's Day, a legal holiday be approved and become law?

Acceptance of Chap. 179, General Acts of 1916. Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 1916, entitled An Act to prevent the voters of one political party from voting in the primaries of another political party be approved and become law?

The polls will be open from nine o'clock A. M. to four o'clock P. M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Northfield, East Northfield, Northfield Farms, West Northfield, and at the School House in District No. 6, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

ERNEST C. FIELD,
FRED W. DOANE,
FRANK E. ALDRICH,

Selectmen of Northfield.

A true copy. *Attest.*

F. W. DOANE, *Constable.*

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
FRANKLIN, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin.

GREETING:

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on the twenty-sixth day of September, 1916, at six o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to bring in their votes on one ballot for the nomination of the following officers:

Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Senator, Congressman, Councillor, Senator Franklin Hampshire District, Representative Fourth Franklin District, County Commissioner, Associate Commissioner, District Attorney, Clerk of Court, Register of Deeds, Sheriff, and State Committee.

The polls will be open at six o'clock P. M. and close at nine o'clock P. M.

A Special Town Meeting will be called at eight o'clock P. M. Tuesday, the twenty-sixth day of September, 1916, to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for timber to repair the Schell Bridge, or act thereon.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to repair the Bennetts Meadow Bridge, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Northfield, East Northfield, Northfield Farms, West Northfield, and at the School House in District No. 6, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this sixteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

ERNEST C. FIELD,

FRED W. DOANE,

FRANK E. ALDRICH,

Selectmen of Northfield.

A true copy. *Attest.*

F. W. DOANE, *Constable.*

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
FRANKLIN, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin.

GREETING:

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Saturday, May 20, 1916, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To see whether the Town will take by purchase or otherwise the franchise corporate property and all the rights and privileges of the Northfield Water Co. as provided in Chap. 385, Acts of 1898. Authorize the issue of notes or bonds for the payment of cost of the same. Choose a committee to negotiate for the purchase of the said franchise corporate property rights and privileges or to retain counsel to conduct any litigation necessary to enforce the right of the Town to purchase the same, to raise and appropriate any money or authorize a loan to cover the expense thereof or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ART. 3. To see what action the Town will take upon a petition to be presented at said meeting asking the Town to raise taxes for the establishment and maintenance of a sufficient fire department for the protection from fire of the inhabitants and property within

the limits of the proposed fire district as stated in the petition and including the villages of Northfield and East Northfield so-called or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Offices in Northfield, East Northfield, Northfield Farms, West Northfield, and at the School House in District No. 6, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eleventh day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

ERNEST C. FIELD,
FRED W. DOANE,
FRANK E. ALDRICH,
Selectmen of Northfield.

A true copy. *Attest.*

F. W. DOANE, *Constable.*

Items and Reports

Received too late for proper position.

Liabilities

E. C. Field, selectman,	100 00
F. W. Doane,	100 00
F. H. Aldrich,	100 00

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELISHA ALEXANDER FUND

Mrs. Dwight Smith,	\$ 5 00
Emma and Hattie Hilliard,	10 00
Mrs. Nettie Perry,	5 00
Mrs. G. W. Field,	10 00
Mrs. Amelia Marsh,	10 00
Mrs. Annie Casey,	5 00
Total,	\$45 00

MARTHA W. ALEXANDER FUND

The amount of this fund is \$8,525 invested as follows:

Franklin Savings Institution,	\$4,200 00
Springfield Institution for Savings,	1,000 00
Crocker Institution for Savings,	825 00
Greenfield Savings Bank,	1,500 00
Orange Savings Bank,	1,000 00

We have received as interest the past year the sum of \$344.40, which we have disbursed according to the provision of the will.

FRANK H. MONTAGUE,
CHARLES L. ROBBINS,
CHARLES C. STEARNS,
Trustees.

January 23, 1917.

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR OF THE TOWN OF NORTHFIELD, JANUARY 15, 1917

It gives me pleasure to make the second annual report of the music in the town of Northfield.

Since last report the work has steadily progressed. The pupils have been most actively interested in music and the teachers untiring in their efforts to get good results.

A more definite program of study has been adopted this year with the intention of covering more ground in the technical work, than last year. Beginning this fall I have visited the schools once a week with the result of greater increase in amount of work accomplished.

This year, as last, especial emphasis has been placed on reading and rhythm. Of course ear training and voice culture have received attention also. This year I added music writing in the fourth and higher grades. The effect of this training is to help the pupils think quickly and accurately,

musically. Both teachers and pupils have taken hold of this work well.

There is a definite need of more and newer music reading material, for the pupils staying from two to three or four years in a room have learned songs and exercises by rote, that is, by ear. This fact shows that new material is necessary to real sight reading which presupposes no study or knowledge of an exercise in advance of the reading.

I wish to thank the teachers for their cooperation, also the school board.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH STRECKER,

Music Supervisor.



